

MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS : (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (d). The matter concerning standard of legal education was considered by the Legal Education Committee of the Bar Council of India at its meeting held on 4.10.1991 and it was decided to request the University Grants Commission to call a conference of the academicians, representatives of the committee, the Bar Council and Law Teachers to consider the matter so that steps to improve the legal education be taken. The Government would take further action in the light of decision as may be taken by the Bar Council of India.

#### **Export orders obtained By Tobacco Board**

4879. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the export orders obtained by the Tobacco Board during 1990-91;

(b) whether all the orders have been cleared; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Export orders are obtained by the exporters directly, and not by the Tobacco Board.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

#### **Production and Smuggling of Narcotics in Rajasthan**

4880. SHRI KUNJEE LAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Jhalawar district of Rajasthan is a centre for the production of opium and other narcotics; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check the production and smuggling of narcotics in Jhalawar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) Cultivation of opium is undertaken in the notified tracts in the Jhalawar district of Rajasthan under strict licensing control and supervision of the central Bureau of Narcotics. The said district is however, not a centre for production of other narcotics.

(b) Drug enforcement agencies keep strict vigil and stringent penal measures have been provided in the Narcotic Drugs and Psycho tropic Substances Act, 1985 to check such smuggling.

[*English*]

#### **Achievements of National Sericulture Project**

4881. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) the targets and achievements of the National Sericulture project in terms of additional acreage brought under mulberry cultivation and worm rearing, the additional production of cocoons and the additional reeling capacity established;

(b) the number of additional families and persons involved in silk production at various stages;

(c) the total financial assistance given by the world bank and the amount spent by March, 31, 1992;

(d) whether the original target is likely to be achieved in time and at the estimated cost ; and

(e) the targets and achievements in the state of Bihar under this project, with particular reference to Kishanganj District ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) The targets of mulberry acreage and cocoon production under the National sericulture Project (NSP) and the achievement up to December, 1991 are as under :-

	<i>* EOP Target</i>	<i>Achievement</i>
Mulberry acreage (in acres )	1,44,875	1,27,626
Cocoon production (in metric tonnes)	1,52,625	60,267

\* End of the project Target the number of reeling units and the number of additional persons benefited under the project are 1548 & 1,69,988 respectively.

(c) The National Sericulture Project envisages financial assistance from the world bank Swis Development Co-operation of the order of Rs. 323.2 Crores besides Central/ State investment of Rs. 65.7 Crores and Institutional Credit of Rs. 166.4 Crores.

The expenditure reported by the state implementing agencies is Rs. 16.98 Crores (up to Dec., 1991) and the expenditure of the Central silk Board up to 31.3.92 is estimated

to be Rs. 45.32 Crores .

(d) As per the Staff Appraisal Report, the currency of the project is for 7 years i.e. ending 1995-96. Appropriate action has been initiated to achieve both physical and fiscal targets during the project period.

(e) The details of targets fixed for various components of National Sericulture Project in Bihar and the achievements are as under :-

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Component</i>	<i>Target for the project period</i>	<i>Cumulative Achievement (up to Dec. 91)</i>
I.	PHYSICAL COMPONENT		
A.	Mulberry acrege (Acres)	2000	561.87
B.	Raw Silk (Metric tonnes)	60	—
C.	Beneficiaries (NOs.)	2000	691
D.	Seplings (lakh Nos.)	100	44.26
E.	Farmers Training (NOs.)	2000	663

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<b>II</b>	<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		
A	Basic Seed Farm	1	1
B	Grainage	1	1
C	Technical Service Centre	4	4
D	Chawki Rearing Centre	20	12
E	Cocoon Market	1	1
F	Cocoon Testing & Grading Unit	1	1
G	Cocoon Drying Chamber	20	1
<b>III</b>	<b>Financial Progress</b>	<b>Rs 348.57 Lakh</b>	<b>Rs 50.28 Lakh (allocation)</b>

**Specific progress in Kishanganj Under National Sericulture Project**

- Infrastructure**
- One silkworm seed production Centre
  - One Technical Service Centre
  - Four Chawki Rearing Centres
  - One Cocoon Market
  - One Cocoon Testing and Grading Unit
  - One Cocoon Drying chamber
  - One Demonstration-cum-Training Centre
  - One Farmers Training School

**Declaration of Sundarban Water**

**area as National Waterway**

4882 SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA  
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of his ministry to declare the Sundarban water area as National Waterway,

(b) if so the details thereof and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) to (c) The Inland waterways Authority of India had submitted a proposal to declare the Sundarban stretch along the international steamer route as National Waterway. The proposal was examined in consultation with the concerned Ministries / Departments and the IWAI has